



The [U.S. Department of Justice \(DOJ\)](#), [Office of Justice Programs \(OJP\)](#), [Bureau of Justice Statistics \(BJS\)](#) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding to administer state/tribal activities under the 2012 National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP). This program furthers the Department's mission to enhance the crime fighting and criminal justice capabilities of state and tribal governments by improving the accuracy, utility, and interstate accessibility of criminal history records and enhancing records of protective orders involving domestic violence and stalking, sex offender records, automated identification systems and other state systems supporting national records systems and their use for criminal history background checks. For the purpose of this solicitation the term "state" includes the District of Columbia and U.S. territories.

FY 2012 National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP)

Eligibility

Applicants are limited to the agency designated by the governor in each state to administer the NCHIP program, and federally recognized tribal entities. States and tribes may choose to submit applications as part of a multi-state consortium, multi-tribe consortium, or other entity. In such cases, please contact your BJS program manager for further information.

Deadline

Applicants must register with [Grants.gov](#) prior to submitting an application. (See "How to Apply," page 13.) All applications are due by 11:59 p.m. eastern time on March 26, 2012. (See "Deadlines: Registration and Application," page 5.)

Contact Information

For technical assistance with submitting an application, contact Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, or via e-mail to support@grants.gov.

Note: The [Grants.gov](#) Support Hotline hours of operation are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except federal holidays.

For assistance with any other requirement of this solicitation, contact Devon B. Adams, Chief, Criminal Justice Data Improvement Program, by telephone at 202-307-0765 or by e-mail at askbjs@usdoj.gov. Include "2012NCHIP" in the subject line.

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